Dale

Major Edward Dale

d 1695

Maj. Edward Dale was the son of Robert Dale, Esq., of Wencle County, Chester, England. He was among the Royalists who came to America after the death of King Charles First. Lancaster County records show that he was taking an important part in county affairs prior to May 6, 1663. He was the first Clerk of Westmoreland County, Virginia 1652-1662, and simultaneously Clerk of the Court of Lancaster County, Virginia 1655-1674.

He was a Justice or Commissioner, High Sheriff and a Burgess for many years. His name appears in a list of Militia Officers of Virginia in 1680.

His will has now disappeared from the Lancaster County Court House but other records containing his seal identify his family. His son-in-law, Capt. Thomas Carter of Barford used the Dale seal on his will.

That Maj. Dale was an adherant of Charles First is shown by his epitaph and the fact that he enjoyed various political offices under Sir William Berkley. A copy of Maj. Dale's portrait is owned by Dr. Joseph Lyon Miller of Thomas, West Va. His library contained books on medicine, law, religion, poetry, history and Natural Science, some of which are still in existence. Maj. Dale's epitaph as recorded in the Carter Prayer Book shows the Dale arms, which by its shading indicates the arms were sunk below the surface of the stone

(Arms)

Hic Depositum
Spe certe resurgende in Christo
quic quid habuit Mortate
Edwardus Dale Armiger
Tandem honorum et dierum Obiit
20 Feby Anno Dom 1695

He descended from a noble family in England and came into ye Coll^{y}
of Virg^{a} after the Death of his Unhappy
Master Charles First,
For above thirty years he enjoyed
Various Employments of Public Trust
in ye Col^{y} of Lancaster wch he
Discharged with Great Fidelity and Satisfaction
to the Govenor and People
As neighbor, Father, Husband he Ex
celled and in early years corwn^{d}
his other Accomplishments by a
Felicitous Marriage
wth Diana ye daughter of Sir Henry Skipwith
of Preswould in ye coty of Leicester Bar^{c}
who is left a little while to mourn him.

It is through Maj. Dales' daughter Diana Dale who married Capt. Thomas Carter that Mary Carter Hunt Bell (Mrs. Luther George Bell) claims descent from Maj. Edward Dale.

Burke Peerage
Capt. Thomas Carter by Dr. Lyon G. Miller
Croziers Va. Col. Militia
Johnstons Va. Clerks
Colonial Virginia Register
Journal Va. House of Burgesses